

Federal Maritime Commission

§ 582.3

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§ 582.1 Scope.

(a) The requirements set forth in this part are binding upon every common carrier by water and ocean freight forwarder in the foreign commerce of the United States and, at the discretion of the Commission, will apply to any shipper, shippers' association, marine terminal operator, or broker. In the case of a joint service operated as a single entity, the joint service, rather than the participants, is responsible for the provisions of this part.

(b) Information obtained under this part will be used to maintain continuous surveillance over common carrier and ocean freight forwarder activities and to deter rebating practices. Failure to file the required certification may result in a civil penalty of \$5,000 for each day such violation continues. Failure of a common carrier to file an anti-rebate certification and publish notice of certification in its tariffs as provided by this part and part 514 of this chapter will result in tariff cancellation effective forty-five (45) days after notice, as provided in § 514.1(c)(1)(iii)(C) of this chapter or, if an initial tariff filing, rejection. In the event a common carrier's rates are published in one or more conference tariffs, the name of the common carrier will be stricken from the list of carriers participating in those conference tariffs. The tariff(s) of any common carrier who files an anti-rebate certification after December 31 but before the end of the forty-five days notice period will not be cancelled; however, those common carriers will be subject to civil penalties. Failure of an ocean freight forwarder to file an anti-rebate certification as provided by this part and part 510 of this chapter will result in suspension of that ocean freight forwarder's license effective forty-five (45) days after notice, as provided in § 510.16(a)(6) of this chapter. The license of any freight forwarder who files an anti-rebate certification after December 31 but before the end of the forty-five days notice period will not be suspended; however, those

freight forwarders will be subject to civil penalties. Failure of an ocean freight forwarder applicant to include an anti-rebate certification with a license application as provided by this part and part 510 of this chapter will result in rejection of that ocean freight forwarder applicant's license application, as provided in § 510.25(b) of this chapter.

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§ 582.2 Form of certification.

(a) The Chief Executive Officer, *i.e.*, the most senior officer within the firm designated by the board of directors, owners, stockholders, or controlling body as responsible for the direction and management of the firm, of each common carrier and ocean freight forwarder and, when so ordered by the Commission, the Chief Executive Officer of any shipper, shippers' association, marine terminal operator, or broker, shall file with the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, a written certification, under oath, as prescribed in the format in appendix A to this part, attesting:

(1) That it is the stated policy of the firm that the payment, solicitation or receipt by the firm of any rebate which is unlawful under the Shipping Act of 1984, is prohibited;

(2) That this policy was recently promulgated to each owner, officer, employee, and agent of the firm; and

(3) That the firm will fully cooperate with the Commission in any investigation of illegal rebating.

(b) A description of the details of the measures instituted within the firm or otherwise to prohibit its involvement in the payment or receipt of illegal rebates shall be attached to the certification.

§ 582.3 Reporting requirements.

(a) Every common carrier required by this part to file a written certification in the form prescribed by § 582.2, shall file such certification with its initial tariff and, thereafter, on or before December 31 of each succeeding even-numbered calendar year.

(b) Every licensed ocean freight forwarder, required by § 510.25 of this